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1. In late August 1950 the only force under LIN Piao stationed in Shantung was a small supply group in Tsinan [REDACTED]
2. A new Communist army corps with a strength of 120,000 has been formed in Suchow (sic) under the overall command of CHEN Yi and the direct command of HSU Chin-yu (许今有). Its main elements are local Shantung forces and four regiments of local Shantung garrison forces; a few companies and battalions from the 3 Field Army (FA); and forces of the South and East Shantung Military Zones and the coastal zone. The corps, which is designated the Shantung Army Corps, is to form a consolidated defense force. Its forces are being trained in East Shantung, along the coast.
3. One section of the 4 FA, comprising the 40 Army, another army, and one gun force (sic), has been transferred from Hangchow to Manchuria. Main forces of the 4 FA are concentrated along the Chokiang-Fukien coast to aid the 3 FA to invade Taiwan.
4. Although the Taiwan invasion has been delayed by the Korean war and the presence of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, the Communist army is still issuing secret plans and reports. Military and political officers indoctrinating troops are stressing the idea that Taiwan is an integral part of China and that the Communist aim is to overthrow U.S. imperialism.

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